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DOYLE ANNOUNCES 2000 AIRSHOW, EVENT TO SALUTE VETERANS

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that tickets for the Greater Rochester International Airshow, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on August 26 and 27, will go on sale July 1st at all Tops Friendly Markets throughout the community.

The County of Monroe, The Greater Rochester International Airport, and Beau Productions will host the third annual Tops International Airshow and will showcase exciting aerial acts and ground displays for the enjoyment of the public. Portions of the proceeds from the Airshow will be used to pay its expenses and to support the Veterans Memorial at the Rochester Community War Memorial.

"The 2000 Airshow will be a great opportunity to again showcase our first-class community and airport," said Doyle. Residents and visitors alike will be awed by the diversity of displays and aircraft both in the air and on the ground."

"This year's event also provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize our veterans and to generate funds for the Veterans Memorial.," said Doyle. "I was pleased that Monroe County, through its Veterans Service Agency, was recently able to give additional support by contributing \$50,000 to the Veterans Memorial."

The Airshow offers the public an opportunity to view aircraft and parts of the airport they might not otherwise see. It also allows taxpayers a chance to view the military aircraft and equipment that their tax dollars finance.

An admission ticket, good for all day, will cost \$10 pre-pay/\$13 at the event for adults, \$5 pre-pay/\$8 at the event for children under 12, and children under 6 are free. Tickets will be on sale beginning July 1st, 2000 at all Rochester Area Tops Friendly Market locations, at Tickets.com, and on-site at the Airshow.

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The weekend's festivities will not affect regularly scheduled commercial air flights. GRIA officials have worked closely with the Airline Transportation Association of America to minimize disruptions in service. However, as a precaution, travelers are advised to reconfirm all flight information for August 26-27 with their air carrier in advance.

"The Greater Rochester International Airshow is geared toward entertaining and educating young and old alike," said County Executive Doyle. "Whether it's the aircraft, aerobatics, music or displays, the Airshow will offer something for everyone."

The theme for this year's Airshow on both days will be "A Salute to Veterans" and will feature the United States Army's Golden Knights Parachute Team, the USAF A-10 Demo Team, the US Navy F-18 Demo Team, the USMC AV8-B Harrier, the CAF Tora, Tora, Tora group, and civilian Jimmy Franklin with his jet powered Waco Mystery ship performing a solo demonstration with his son Kyle performs a wing-walking routine.

Additionally, over 30 WWII aircraft will take part in an airpower demonstration featuring the B-17 Fuddy Duddy, P-51 Gunfighter, and the CAF FM-2 Wildcat. An added bonus will be the A-10 and P-51 in an AirForce Heritage Flight and the F-18 and FM-2 in a Navy Legacy Flight. The Tops International Airshow 2000 is one of the few airshows which will feature both heritage flights. The F-117 Nighthawk is also expected to provide a fly-by on both days.

In addition to aerial acts and static displays, ground attractions will include simulators, tanks, military vehicles, ESL Kiddie Commando Course, food, beverages, and novelties.

For other Airshow program details, please call Beau Productions at 256-4960 or contact the Airshow web site at www.rochesterairshow.com.

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